

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 have been amended. Claims 11-30 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1-2. Claims 11-30 remain following entry of this amendment.

3-10. Claims 11-14, 18 and 20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,771,663 to Jha (hereinafter "Jha").

Claim 11

In response, claim 11 has been amended to include the feature that the data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Support for this feature is in the specification and drawings as filed – specifically for example in each of FIGs. 2-5 and the corresponding text of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that nowhere in Jha, or in any of the other cited references of record in this application, is there disclosure, explicit or implicit, of this feature of data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Thus, it is respectfully requested that claim 11, as amended herein, is presently in condition for allowance and should be passed to issuance.

Claims 12-14, 18 and 20

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 11, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

11-18. Claims 15 and 16 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in Jha, the MOST Specification Framework Rev. 1.1 (hereinafter “the MOST Spec”), and U.S. Pat. No. 6,373,844 to Saito (hereinafter “Saito”).

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 11, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

19-23. Claims 17 and 19 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in Jha and U.S. Pat. No. 6,172,980 to Flanders *et al.* (hereinafter “Flanders”).

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 11, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

24-33. Claims 11-14, 18 and 20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,542,511 to Livermore *et al.* (hereinafter “Livermore”) and Jha.

Claim 11

In response, as discussed above, claim 11 has been amended to include the feature that the data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Support for this feature is in the specification and drawings as filed – specifically for example in each of FIGs. 2-5 and the corresponding text of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that nowhere in Livermore and Jha, or in any of the other cited references of record in this application, is there disclosure, explicit or implicit, of data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Thus, it is respectfully requested that claim 11, as amended herein, is presently in condition for allowance and should be passed to issuance.

Claims 12-14, 18 and 20

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 11, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

34-40. Claims 15 and 16 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in Livermore, Jha, the MOST Spec, and Saito.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 11, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

41-45. Claims 17 and 19 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in Livermore, Jha, and Flanders.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 11, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

46-59. Claims 21-26 and 28-30 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in the MOST Spec, Jha, and Saito.

Claim 21

In response, similar to claim 11 discussed above, claim 21 has been amended to include the feature that the data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Support for this feature is in the specification and drawings as filed – specifically in each of FIGs. 2-5 and the corresponding text of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that nowhere in the MOST Spec, Jha, and Saito, or in any of the other cited references of record in this application, is there disclosure, explicit or implicit, of data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with

the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Thus, it is respectfully requested that claim 21, as amended herein, is presently in condition for allowance and should be passed to issuance.

Claims 22-26

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 21, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claim 28

In response, similar to claims 11 and 21 discussed above, claim 28 has been amended to include the feature that the data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Support for this feature is in the specification and drawings as filed – specifically for example in each of FIGs. 2-5 and the corresponding text of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that nowhere in the MOST Spec, Jha, and Saito, or in any of the other cited references of record in this application, is there disclosure, explicit or implicit, of data section has a pair of regions, one region containing the data formatted in accordance with the extraneous standard, the second region containing header information associated with the extraneous standard. Thus, it is respectfully requested that claim 21, as amended herein, is presently in condition for allowance and should be passed to issuance.

Claims 29-30

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot, since each of these claims depends directly from claim 28, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

60-62. Claim 27 currently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of the combined subject matter disclosed in the Most Spec, Jha, Saito, and Flanders.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of this claim is moot, since this claim depends directly from claim 21, which is patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 11-30 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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